

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 17, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Councilmembers Caletka and Starkey (arrived at 7:55 p.m.). Also present were Acting Town Administrator Cohen, Town Attorney Kiar, Acting Assistant Town Administrator Muniz and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting. Vice-Mayor Crowley and Councilmember Paul were absent.

Mayor Truex advised that the Town fought to give United Ranches residents the right to vote on annexation and the Town was very interested in annexing United Ranches. He felt United Ranches was a good match for the Town's rural quality of life. Mayor Truex indicated that the consensus was that the Town was the better choice for United Ranches and assured the public that the Town would not engage in any negative campaigning.

Marty Rubenstein, Broward County School Board, wanted to dispel the rumor that if United Ranches residents did not vote to be annexed into Cooper City, Cooper City would kick children out of their schools. He assured the public that this could not happen as the County owned the schools, not cities. Mr. Rubenstein stressed that all residents had the right to vote.

Patrick Mason spoke of rumors about police and fire services. Fire Chief Don DiPetrillo explained the mutual aid systems used by the Town and surrounding municipalities. He advised that the Town had four current stations, one station was being built, and another was on the drawing board. Chief DiPetrillo advised that residents would be served by the closest station. He added that the Town had 172 firefighters and multiple vehicles serving the Town.

Allison Chambliss was not interested in hooking up to other water systems and asked what would happen to such residents. Mayor Truex advised that the Town had many residents in the same position and historically, the Town had made no moves to force anyone to use municipal water/sewer systems. Mr. Cohen stated that the Town would not bring water and sewer service into the community, unless the majority of residents requested the service.

Sue Osbought asked about irrigation wells. Mr. Cohen advised that residents could maintain their irrigation systems.

Shirley Decker asked about garbage pickup. Mr. Cohen explained the Town's franchise agreement with Waste Management.

Arthur Loprinzo asked if it would affect voting if United Ranches residents wished to hook up into Cooper City's water line. Mr. Cohen advised that this decision should have no effect and advised of a State law to charge surcharges for municipal water services. Mr. Cohen stated that 60% of the Town's received water service from the City of Sunrise. He added that there was no problem with water pressure in the Town.

Ms. Decker asked about bulk trash collection. Mr. Cohen advised that up to 15 cubic yards was collected once a month.

Heather Kind asked if the Town used a recycling program. Mr. Cohen responded in the affirmative.

Steven Hines asked if it was possible to maintain the current garbage service used by United Ranches residents. Mr. Cohen responded in the affirmative.

Rose Anderson asked about taxes for sanitation. Mr. Cohen responded that it was a little over \$200 per year.

Sue Osbought asked about existing zoning regulations and how the Town would handle lots that were less than two acres. Development Services Director Mark Kutney explained that the Town would

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observe land use guidelines appropriately and advised that with annexations, most cities did not make zoning retroactive. He indicated that the Town would match the zoning with the closest districts that met lot sizes. Mr. Kutney added that the Town could make additional regulations if necessary. Mayor Truex assured the public that the Town went out of its way to avoid hassling residents.

Debbie Rasner asked about boat storage. Mr. Kutney stated that the side of the yard was preferred, but added that the Town could work this out with residents. Mr. Cohen was willing to put this into an interlocal agreement.

Frank Sierra asked if there was an ordinance to support people having to outsource amenities. Mr. Kutney advised that the Town practiced Code enforcement in a kinder, gentler manner using warnings to help to meet Code.

Hank Shaw questioned who would vote on the annexation. Mr. Muniz advised that the Supervisor of Elections handled the vote and only United Ranches residents voted.

Mr. Sierra spoke of his positive experiences with Town staff and Council.

In response to a United Ranches resident's question, Mr. Cohen advised that the Town would use a grading system add public roads to the Town's system for repairs and servicing.

In response to residents' concerns, Mayor Truex assured that the Town's Charter included a commitment to preserving rural and equestrian character of the Town.

In response to a United Ranches resident's question, Mr. Cohen advised the Supervisor of Elections would not be mailing out ballots until June 15th.

In response to a United Ranches resident's question, Mr. Cohen advised that a property's taxable value was assessed by Broward County.

Sharlene Marlboro thanked Town staff and Council for attending and asked about the Town's approach to hurricane preparedness and gender equity. Chief DiPetrillo advised he had recently attended a hurricane preparedness conference and summarized the Town's emergency procedures. Councilmember Starkey advised that the Town had one of the only horse turnout shelters in Broward County. She added that the Town had the last remaining shelter running in Broward after last hurricane season. Public Works Director Bruce Bernard explained the Town's approach to debris management after last hurricane season.

As there was no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk